

February 9, 2017

Subject: **Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program: Round 3 Guidelines Update**

Reporting Period: December 2016 - February 2017

Staff Lead: AHSC Program Staff

Recommended Action:

For information only – no action required.

Background:

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program provides grants and loans for capital projects, including affordable housing development and transportation improvements that encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use resulting in fewer passenger vehicle miles travelled (VMT). Reduction of VMT in these projects will achieve GHG reductions and benefit Disadvantaged Communities.

Update:

Round 1 (2014-15): Twenty-eight projects were awarded in the first round of AHSC, totaling \$121,955,460 of funding. Of these 28 projects, 21 are currently under contract, while 7 others have pending agreements.

Round 2 (2015-16): Twenty-five projects were awarded in the second round of AHSC, totaling \$289,439,831 of funding. Staff is working towards creating grant and loan agreements for these projects.

Round 3 (16- 2017): AHSC Program staff is currently undertaking an update to the AHSC guidelines in preparation for the 3rd funding cycle of the program. In December 2016, AHSC staff held three “Lessons Learned” workshops (in Oakland, Long Beach, and Merced), and a webinar, in order to gather input to inform the guidelines update. The workshops provided stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss various guideline and process issues, and were broken up into five topic areas:

- Housing
- Transportation
- Scoring Criteria
- Application Process
- GHG Quantification Methodology

In addition to the feedback received through this process, there was also an open comment period, resulting in letters from over 30 organizations, which included over 100 specific comments.

AHSC Staff has compiled and reviewed all comments, and is currently updating guidelines to reflect feedback. The current tentative timeline for AHSC Round 3 Guidelines Update is as follows:

Key Items	Date
AHSC 2017 Draft Guidelines Release	March 2017
AHSC 2017 Draft Guidelines Public Comment Period	March-April
AHSC 2017 Draft Guideline Workshops	Early April
Posting of Final Recommended Guidelines	Late May
SGC Meeting and Council Adoption of AHSC 2017 Guidelines	June 1, 2017
AHSC 2017 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Release	June/July 2017